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On 8/23, MFA's Director of Multilateral Affairs Amb. Mario Sandoval assured Polcoun that Paraguay and other countries shared our views. During a recent Rio Group meeting, the Venezuelans had insisted the Group announce a joint decision to convene a meeting to discuss Venezuela's proposal on the Social Charter. According to Sandoval, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, and others rejected this approach suggesting Venezuela organize a meeting on its own if it wanted to open a discussion of the Venezuelan proposal. Sandoval said that Paraguay had no intention of sending a senior official to the Venezuelan meeting. Instead, Paraguay would send its Ambassador to the OAS and a working level representative from the Ministry of Social Affairs. Sandoval assured Polcoun Paraguay had problems not only with Venezuela's approach but also its draft. Paraguay looked forward to considering a more balanced draft prepared by the General Secretariat.

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